



The Holy Herald

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Judy Hughes - Head of School

Father Steve Bates - School Chaplain

Cynthia Fuller ~ Dean of Students

Judy Hughes: Discovering Healing, Unity, & Home - Amidst a Pandemic

We all knew it had been a hard year. So much had been accomplished, so many people had helped get us through. Now, it was the summer of 2019 and we were finally returning to our beautiful campus. Our entire crew was joyful and energized in the hard work of refurbishing, restocking, and restoring. Soon our classrooms would fill with the precious students of Holy Nativity and everything would be normal again. Opening school on our beautifully restored campus was surprisingly harder than we had anticipated. There was so, so much to do to restart a school from scratch, plus adults and children were still recovering after the storm. + But here we were, March 2020, the 8th grade had returned from NYC on March 2nd and we were approaching Spring Break. We were feeling the results of months of community teamwork that had successfully moved us from August 2019 to Spring Break. But, wow, how desperately we all needed the approaching restful days of Spring Break, 2020! + The words of St. Francis of Assisi foreshadow what was to come. *“Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”* + COVID-19. Pandemic. Closing Schools. + Things moved quickly in March. Don’t they always in a crisis? On March 11th we emailed everyone that, as the Covid-19 story developed, we would not activate our practice of following decisions of Bay District Schools. We wanted to make our own decisions and utilize the flexibility of Holy Nativity to respond quickly to whatever might happen during the coming week, March 16 – 20, Spring Break. + A multitude of HNES’ enriching activities were scheduled to immediately follow our week of rest: SAT-10 testing the week after Spring Break, 4th grade’s fieldtrip to St. Augustine March 31st, the annual HNES corporate meeting April 7. Plus, the 5th grade chapel program, the Dance Recital, and the Art Auction April 15, 16, 17, and then the 5th grade leaving for Boston April 22. Oh, yes, let’s not forget the FCIS Accreditation Team arriving April 29th for our 5-year accreditation visit, postponed from the previous year due to Hurricane Michael. + As we all know

now, a lot happened with the spread of the virus following our 11th of March email. That restful Spring Break became a fantasy for our faculty and staff. All employees were asked to return to school on Wednesday, March 18, or join us virtually, to make big decisions. The goal, to deliver Holy Nativity’s education to our students in their homes, a challenge for which we had no previous experience or training. We selected a launch date of Thursday, March 26. Eight days away. Could we possibly do that? Certainly, we do what is necessary. + You know who showed up for that meeting? A 6-foot apart, room full of willing, smiling faces either in person or on a computer screen, ready to conquer the crisis. On that day in the middle of March, we had no earthly idea what platform to use, how to do a selfie-video to teach a lesson, or what lessons were even going to be taught. And then, what about getting the materials, books, supplies distributed to everyone’s homes? + Delivering education over the internet is probably a distant cousin to using technology in the classroom, but we question if they are related at all. Never, even during the hurricane horrors, was there so much anxiety, so many feelings of inadequacy. There were smiles, but there were also tears during those 8 days of our crash course learning. + It is a chancy thing to do, but I must single out one of our super stars, Lyn Morris, our technology Teacher. That capital T is no typo! Between late Wednesday afternoon the 18th, and the following Wednesday, March 25th, Lyn transformed self-doubting and fearful wonder women and supermen into accomplished, successful virtual classroom teachers! There should be medals. + Twice to date, we have surveyed our parents, first gathering information about basics like devices at home, and a week later needing their comments and feedback on how it was working ... or not working. + Oh, how I love our parents! I cannot even imagine the upside-down life that has been thrust on families in a matter of days. And yet, amid it all, parents made time to send encouraging words to their teachers and to the school. + As of today, April 5th,



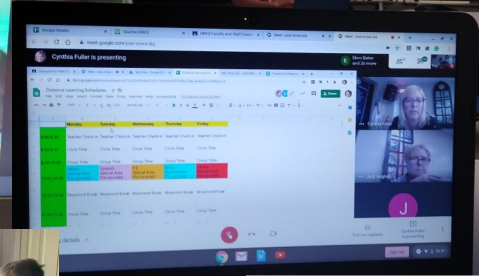
Layla Adams, grade 2

HNES@home has been operating 7 days. The hard work, really hard work, and powered by faith, our Holy Nativity faculty and staff produced a framework to make learning at home possible. Only 15 days earlier we had no idea what we would do or how we could do it! + Uncertainty continues. Returning to campus this year is questionable, which brings such sadness for all we will miss in May. What is certain, Holy Nativity will do what’s necessary to provide school and community for our students. One of our many next steps is to develop additional virtual “together time” for HNES students. The social separation is hard for all of us, but especially students. Today, with confidence, we know we will make that happen. Today, we know nothing is impossible for our feisty family of Holy Nativity. + “We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.” Again, St. Francis, words meant for a completely different audience than those of us reading here today. However, inspiration and clarity to guide our Holy Nativity Episcopal School choices in this unprecedented time in our world history.

Cynthia Fuller Named Head of School for 2020

It is with great pleasure that the Board of Trustees of Holy Nativity Episcopal School announces the selection of Cynthia Fuller as Holy Nativity’s Head of School as of July 1, 2020. continued page 3

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Cynthia Fuller Named Head of School for 2020 (continued from page 1)



Mrs. Fuller is pictured with Mrs. Hughes, Head of School, her friend & mentor, on the first day of school 2019-20

Mrs. Fuller is uniquely qualified to fulfill the responsibilities as our Head of School. As a vital part of our school, Cynthia Fuller began as a teacher at Holy Nativity, loving the children in our 3 year old program. In 2015 she was asked to add responsibilities and became our first Resource Specialist. In that newly created position, she was instrumental in creating the school's ESE Program and Title I Program, while also developing successful working relationships with Bay District School program directors and administration that remain in place today.

Promoted in 2016 to Dean of Students 3K – 5th grade, Cynthia Fuller became a full-time administrator, becoming one of only two full-time administrators on the HNES campus. In 2018, Cynthia was asked to serve the school temporarily

as a 1st grade teacher as well as continuing her responsibilities as Dean of Students. Returning to our campus from the portable school in the summer of 2019, Mrs. Fuller again became a full-time administrator, and her position was expanded to include the entire school, 3K-8th grade.

Mrs. Fuller successfully completed the Bay County Chamber's Leadership Bay Program, Class of 2017. While visiting throughout our community in this program, Cynthia's skills were quickly recognized and after completion of the program, she was appointed in 2017 by Commissioner Guy Tunnell and subsequently reappointed by Commissioner Keith Baker to serve on the Bay County Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, as well as being invited to serve on the Bay County Skate Park Design Committee. Cynthia also serves on the Steering Committee for Junior Leadership Bay and is a member of the Chamber's Bay Young Professionals.

Cynthia Fuller's love of our community led to her being instrumental in forming Michael's Angels following Hurricane Michael. She served on the organization's Leadership Board, and organized a rally of great importance in Tallahassee to promote awareness of our desperate needs in Bay County. Cynthia's work on behalf of our county was recognized by Congressman Neal Dunn's office for her willingness to advocate in the face of adversity. Representative Jay Trumbull wrote a letter to our board in support of her

selection as our Head of School, mentioning specifically Cynthia's clear strength as a community organizer. Representatives of Michael's Angels also met with the governor's wife, Casey DeSantis, when advocating for Bay County while in Tallahassee. Not long after that introduction, Mrs. DeSantis was hosting a discussion meeting in Bay County and requested that one specific Michael's Angel join her at the meeting, our own Cynthia Fuller.

Cynthia has a love of learning for herself as well as for others. In this last year she has attended the FCIS conference "Learn Today, Learn Tomorrow," attended an ISM (Independent School Management) seminar "Strategic Financial Planning," and is a July, 2019 graduate of the FCIS "Aspiring Administrators Institute." Mrs. Fuller holds current certification in Elementary Education, K - 6th and in ESE Education K – 12th. In the last few years, Cynthia has attended the International Reading Association Conference, the National Conference for Gifted Education, the important national technology ISTE Convention, and the PIVOT Emerging Leaders Conference. She serves on our four-person FEMA team and has attended multiple trainings concerning safety in schools.

The mother of third generation Holy Nativity students, Brody and Sydney—yes, her husband and her father-in-law are both HNES grads—Cynthia and her family are active members of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church. With many months to prepare for this change, and prayers for everyone's success, our Head of School transition will be seamless.

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PHOTOS pictured left: Top right, **Zamiyah Hill** enjoys her Algebra Google Meet, teachers meet in McDaniel Hall during spring break to plan HNES@home, next row: **Father Steve** greets parents picking up Learning Packets distributed by **Ms. Darcey**, The **Godwin boys** create a chalk design on their fence, **Lydia Lathrop** smiles at Packet Pick up, **Brody Fuller** sits at his laptop on Launch Day 3/26, **Mr. Vallas** meets with 6th graders unearthing terracotta warriors, **Paizly Torres** submits a school drawing, next row: in uniform, **Tiegan & Bryson Shramek** accompany Mom **Ms. Stacey** to school for packet planning, **Bailey Melzer** smiles with pup Archer on Launch Day, **Brae Rowan** is ready for the first day, **Lauren Berry's** Instagram page says it all, **LilyBelle Dalton** practices "social distancing" in her Math Team shirt inside her Dad's bucket truck basket, next row: **Mrs. Robinette** is overjoyed to see her 1st graders' faces on Launch Day, **Charlotte Burg** is all set for the first day, **Augie Rohan** reports for HNES@home with perfect hair & attire, next row: This painted pallet by **Mrs. White** stands at our Prayer Fence, **Ms. Greggs & Mrs. Granducci** plan for 4th grade, **Christopher Childree** gets comfortable in his new school space, **Mrs. Bleich** smiles from her new school desk, **Mrs. McElheney** presents her beautiful chalk design, **Selah Stamps** is picture perfect for each school day, next row: **Christian Gillespie** smiles so big seeing his classmates, **The McKinney three** enjoy Mrs. Cool's story time on their laptop, **Ava Baker**, with her trademark unicorn headband, works on an assignment, **Carter Denneke** utilizes 2 laptops, **Mrs. Leno** is thrilled to ZOOM with her students, next row: **Collin Scott** waits for his first lesson, **Max & Anna McCord** compare classes on their laptops, **Charlotte Gardner** listens along to the day's lesson, **Mrs. Mitchell's** kindergarten students celebrate "Share your Pet" Day, **Rosemary & Liam Cramer** watch the first Wednesday chapel during HNES@home.



Happy 60th Anniversary Holy Nativity Episcopal School

The Holy Nativity School Foundation (Founded 1997)

Kathy Barr
Steve Butler
Carolyn Cramer
John Darrah
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Lucile Peters Graham
Bill Lloyd
Beverly McDaniel
Scott & Cranston Pope
Ronald Sinicrope
Mary Sittman
Mabel Smith
Tom Carroll Weller &
Linda Peters Weller
Forrest Whitehurst

1959 - Father David Damon of Holy Nativity Episcopal Church opens *The Episcopal Day School*.

1960s - The school's growth requires new houses on the campus.

1973 - Father Bob Battin is named priest at HNEC & Headmaster of the School that he now calls *Holy Nativity Episcopal School*.

1988 - Beverly McDaniel is hired as Headmistress.

1990 - The new Holy Nativity Episcopal Church sanctuary is completed adjacent to the original church.

1993 - Holy Nativity Episcopal School meets the requirements to be accredited by FCIS - the *Florida Council of Independent Schools*.

1997 - The *Holy Nativity School Foundation* is formed to properly assess growth of the school.

1998 - The Cove School is successfully acquired by the *Holy Nativity School Foundation*.

1999 - While grades K3 through 4 remain on the church campus, students in grades 5 through 7 begin classes in the newly renovated Cove Schoolhouse.

2000 - *William's Field* is dedicated in memory of 2nd grader William Hall.

2009 - Steve Bates, Rector at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church since 2006, is named Chaplain & Religion Teacher at Holy Nativity Episcopal School.

2009 - Both school campuses are combined on the Cove School campus - vacating the space on the HNEC campus after 50 years as the school's home.

2010 - The main building is renamed "*The Bill Lloyd Building*" in honor of the service and dedication of Cove alumnus & HNES grandparent Bill Lloyd, Sr.

2011 - Judy Hughes is hired as Head of School.

2012 - HNES opens her doors for the 75th anniversary of the Cove School (1937).

2014 - Our school auditorium is renamed "*McDaniel Hall*" in honor of Beverly McDaniel with a plaque gifted by the class of 2014.

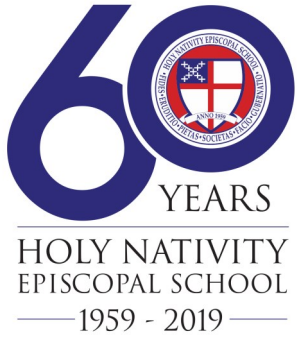
2017 - The "*Holy Pavilion*" is constructed in the southwest corner of the campus.

2018 - Hurricane Michael, a Category 5 storm, hits Bay County, closes our schoolhouse and sends classes to be held in portables on the HNEC campus.

2019 - The school reopens for the new school year following 10 months of reconstruction on the entire school campus.

2019 - Our flagpole is dedicated to Father Tom Weller, Cove alumnus, founding member of the *HNS Foundation*, former HNES chaplain, HNES grandparent, HNEC Priest Associate, & lifetime school friend.

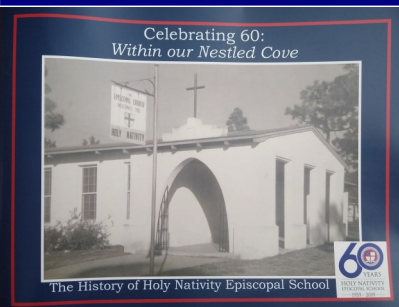
2019 - We count our blessings by gratefully celebrating our 60th anniversary!



HNES CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2019



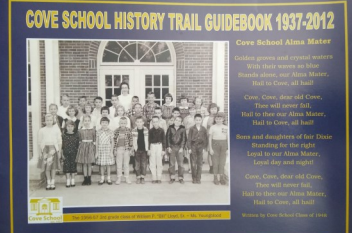
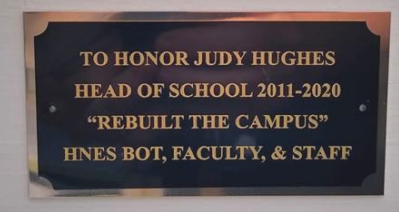
THANK YOU 60TH ANNIVERSARY SPONSORS + Debi & Larry Abernathy + Tim Adamcryn + Sandra Arnold + Lori & Steve Bates + Ruth Bergstrom + Tricia & Eric Berry + Cille & Jim Boyd + Will & Beverly M. Brown + Jessica & Mark Carrier + Sharon & Robert Carroll + Rebecca Hall-Cary & James Cary + Mary Sittman & Marvin Clark + Casey & Matt Cole + Laurie Combs + Charlie Commander + George Cooper + Carolyn Cramer + Mary & John Darrah + Lisa & Grant Davis + Meera & Cyril Desilva + Nancy Dings + Kim & Richard Dodd + Mr. & Mrs. Doescher + Terry & Tom Duke + Jennifer & Bill Ethridge + Lynn Ferren + Janet & Howard Fiser + Elyse & John Fishel + The Grabner Family + Tammy & Larry Griggs + Lindsey & Keith Hall + Dr. Jerry Harrison + Nancy & Dick Hebert + Richard Whitsitt & Julie Hilton + Mary & George Hines + Coach Ms. Hope + Judy & Bob Hughes + John B. Hutt + Holly Jordan + Nell & Britt Landrum + Ruth & Billy Lark + Mandy & Will Lark + Natalie & Sean Lathrop + Shani & Ben Lee + Lucy & Bill Lewis + Gail* & Wayne Lindsey + Jennifer & Bill Lloyd + June Lloyd + Nancy & Rob Lloyd + Beverly McAllister-Brown + Pam & Drew McAllister + Cynthia & Carroll McCauley + Beverly McDaniel + Leigh Mathes & Lorianne McElhenny + Kathleen & Luther McGaughy + Sarah & Mark McKinney + Holly & Daniel Melzer + Amy & Jay Moody + Joyce & Jim Moody + Laura & Benny Moore + Robert Padgett + The Pender Family + Caryn & Bill Reid + Jack & Karen Nelson Ringelberg + Ann Marie & Robert Sale + Mary Kathryn & Edward San Juan + Gaila & Joe Scanlan + Stacy & Troy Shramek + Maggie & Bud Shuler + Ann Silcox + Caroline & Doug Smith + Marsha Southall + Kim & Tim Spence + Jerri & Steve Spurrier + The Syfrett Family + Pat Syfrett + Sharon Urquhart + Misty & Jon Ward + Linda & Tom Weller



Special Opportunities Mark 60th Anniversary (contact amoody@hnes.us)

- \$25 = Celebrating 60: Within Our Nestled Cove - written by Amy Moody & Beverly McDaniel
- \$40 = Episcopal Day School hoodies
- \$50 = Original Cove School Windows
- \$10 = Cove School History Trail Guidebook
- \$50 = Paul Brent prints "The Cove School"
- \$1000 = Sponsorship of NEW Holy Nativity windows with a permanent 2" x 4" plaque

(Thank you to our 2019 Window sponsors: Mary & John Darrah, Gail* & Wayne Lindsey, Rayford Lloyd, Beverly McDaniel, Amy & Jay Moody, The Shuler Family, Christy & Jason Smith.)



Cove School Alumna Makes Generous Gift to Holy Nativity Episcopal School



Mrs. Kiernan is pictured with her brother Walter Fuller, great-nephew JD Godwin, niece Cynthia Fuller, & great-nephew Brody Fuller. They are standing in front of the ViewSonic Board in Mr. Vallas's classroom.

Immediately after Hurricane Michael, Cove School alumna, and HNES Family member, **Pat Fuller Kiernan**, reached out to ask how she could support our recovery at Holy Nativity. Mrs. Kiernan was looking for a significant and needed project that would immediately impact the education at HNES.

Judy Hughes and the Board of Trustees began to look at possible options that would enhance both the teaching and the learning opportunities at our school.

The purchase of *ViewSonic Interactive Boards* was suggested... for EVERY classroom! Mrs. Kiernan, in honor of her two granddaughters **Payton & Maddie Kiernan**, and on behalf of the **Kiernan Family Foundation**, accepted!

This contribution to our school immediately changed how all of our teachers operated each and every day!

Bridget Granducci, 4th grade teacher at HNES for 15 years said, "I went to a technology conference and for the first time, when looking at the impressive new products, I didn't have to say, 'I wonder what that does.'"

Many alumni may remember that in 2006, **Larry & Pam Perry** purchased five SMARTBoards for our middle school classrooms. These Boards were cutting-edge technology when installed and served beautifully and impressively until damage from Hurricane Michael made them inoperable. We are so thankful to our families who continue to support our development at Holy Nativity Episcopal School!

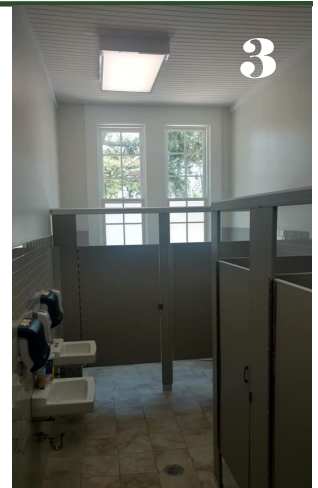
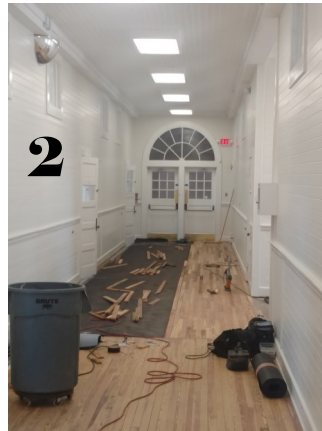
Hurricane Michael Restoration Involves Changes to Cove Schoolhouse



Following Hurricane Michael, changes occurred in the schoolhouse.

Many were blessings! New roofs on ALL the buildings, and new windows for the entire Bill Lloyd Building (1) were big improvements! (Anonymous

donations of \$160,000 and \$60,000 made the window replacement a reality!) Water damage following the roof collapse at the north end meant that the flooring of three entire north classrooms and 50 feet of the original 1937 hallway floor (2) had to be replaced. Oak flooring was laid in each of those classrooms, while heart-of-pine was used to fill the gap in the hallway floor. IKEA furniture was purchased and assembled by talented volunteers to replace the total loss in the three north classrooms. A brand new, entirely rebuilt boys' bathroom (3) at the north end of the building was a great bonus. Other changes were definite necessities. When it came time to replace the windows in the Bill Lloyd Building, *Target Builders* realized that the windows were actually holding up the roof! Three feet of width of flooring along the window-side of each classroom had to be removed to build the necessary supports to hold the roof, then reinforce the exterior walls, and then replace the windows! This classroom flooring was replaced with oak. In McDaniel Hall, the ceiling tiles and stage were updates and the concrete floor was refinished. The breezeway connecting McDaniel Hall to the school also had to be rebuilt. Steel beams now hold the new covering in place. *Target Builders* gifted the school with breezeway lighting. It is three fixtures from the original 1950 Cove School Auditorium! Wow! The kindergarten building (the original 1947 Cove School lunchroom) was reconfigured to make for better access to Mrs. Terry's kindergarten office on the north end. An additional, unexpected change was the necessary removal of the 1944 Boiler Room (Coach Lloyd's office from 2002 - 2019) due to water intrusion. The space now holds recess equipment. While changes were made, this school, on her 83rd birthday, still remains beautiful and beloved.



New Flagpole Dedicated to Father Tom Weller

September 18, 2019
 Our flagpole at Holy Nativity was badly damaged during Hurricane Michael and had to be removed. Today we dedicate this new pole and a new flag.
 Our US flag being raised today is a gift from Dr. Jim & Jan Cook, our neighbors and friends and parents to alumnus Jimmy.
 Our service today is organized by the incredible members of both the VFW Post 10555 and the Auxiliary to VFW Post 10555.
 Additionally, in our audience today is Father Tom Weller. Fr. Tom attended Cove School and graduated 8th grade here in the class of 1949 with lifelong friend Robert Padgett. Father Tom grew up and moved on. And then he was back - got married to Linda in the first wedding ever at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church in 1957. His life took him to other spots. He served our country in the US Navy. He went to seminary to become a priest. And then he was back. Father Tom was a part of the Holy Nativity School Foundation which acquired the Cove School to be used as Holy Nativity Episcopal School. And then he was back. Beverly McDaniel hired him to serve as our school Chaplain and Religion teacher from 2004-2007. He received no pay and spent a fortune on snacks for his middle school students. His

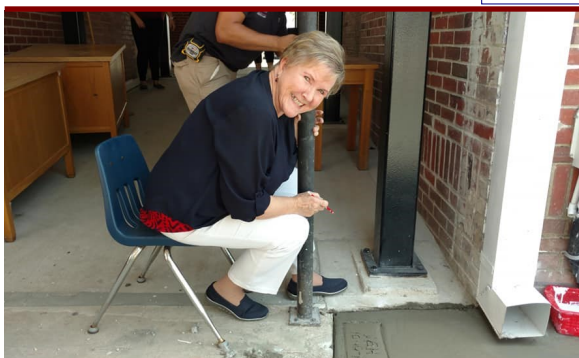
favorite student - granddaughter Kristen - happened to be in those classes. And he's back regularly. You all have seen Fr. Tom with Father Steve at our annual St. Francis Blessing of the Pets. In 2011, Mrs. Hughes named him Chaplain Emeritus which means "he retired from being our chaplain but we still like him a lot." Because of this lifelong relationship between this place and this man, today and forever our flagpole shall bear a monument that reads (pictured):



**FLAGPOLE DEDICATED TO
 FATHER THOMAS CARROLL "TOM" WELLER
 SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
 FATHER TOM, COVE SCHOOL CLASS OF 1949,
 CHARTER MEMBER OF
 THE HOLY NATIVITY SCHOOL FOUNDATION
 CHAPLAIN OF HOLY NATIVITY EPISCOPAL SCHOOL 2004-2007
 TAUGHT HIS STUDENTS THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT RULES:
 "LOVE GOD AND LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR." MATTHEW 22:37-40**



(Top) Granddaughter Kristen Kelly, Linda Peters Weller, Father Tom Weller, (Photo by Terry Duke). (Center) plaque posted at base of 2019 Flagpole. (Bottom) Middle School students, faculty, staff & guests view the raising of the new flag by the VFW 10555 (Photo by Andrew Jeffery)



Mrs. Hughes Leaves Permanent Mark on HNES Campus
 As the new concrete pad was poured by Target Builders in August of 2019 in the kindergarten courtyard, faculty and staff insisted that Mrs. Hughes leave her initials in the wet cement. Directly outside McDaniel Hall, the spot reads "JEH 10-10-18" as a permanent reminder of the dedication, love, and personal sacrifice Mrs. Hughes has made to our school during her years as Head of School (since 2011) but especially since Hurricane Michael on October 10, 2018. Mrs. Hughes plans to retire in 2020. We love you, Mrs. Hughes!

Who's Here in 2020?

Look who's here this year in order of seniority:

Historian, YB Publisher **Lynn Ferren** (36th year)
BASE: **Martha Jo Cooper** (31st year)
Maintenance Volunteer: **Dick Hebert** (24th year)
Director of Finance: **Kathy Mills** (20th year)
Maintenance & Facilities: **Gaila Scanlan** (20th year)
Musical Dir, Spanish, Dance: **Hope Simmons** (20th year)
Admin. Assistant: **Wendy Mowat** (19th total year)
Maintenance & Facilities: **Paul Smith** (19th year)
2nd grade: **Janet Fiser** (18th year)
Head of School: **Judy Hughes** (18 total years)
Dir of Development & MS Math: **Amy Moody** (16th)
4th grade: **Bridget Granducci** (15th total year)
Chaplain, MS Religion: **Father Steve Bates** (14th year)
Admissions Specialist/Registrar: **Terry Duke** (14th year)
School Secretary: **Sheila White** (13th year)
School Receptionist: **Kelly Muller** (13th year)
Marketing Dir. & Media Specialist: **Lauren Presser** (12th year)
Kindergarten Admin. Assistant: **Deana Gailfoil** (10th year)
5th grade: **Natalie Godwin** (9th year)
Teaching Assistant: **Tracey Mason** (9th year)
Dean of Students: **Cynthia Fuller** (7th year)
MS Math: **Nancy Lloyd** (7th year)
Asst to Head, 8th grade History: **Lori Morgan** (7th year)
Technology: **Lyn Morris** (7th year)
3rd grade: **Lara Provencher** (7th year)
Kindergarten: **Linda Warren** (7th year)

5th grade: **Audra Resler** (6th year)
Maintenance & Facilities: **Andrew Jeffery** (6th year)
2nd grade **Ekco Baker** (5th year)
BASE: **Taylor Connaster** (5th year)
3rd grade: **Michelle Cool** (5th year—taught Spanish prior)
Kindergarten: **Summer Himes** (5th year)
1st grade: **Marie Robinette** (5th year)
BASE Director: **Darcey Sinicrope** (5th year)
8th grade Social Studies. Beta : **Caroline Smith** (5th year)
Pre-K: **Tammy Timmerman** (5th year)
6th grade Social Studies: **Johnny Vallas** (5th year)
MS Science MS Coordinator: **Jan Dykes** (5th total year)
MS Language Arts: **Nancy Bleich** (4th year)
Jr. Pre-K: **Heather Creel** (4th year)
Maintenance: **Will Dolan** (4th year)
Volunteer Pianist: Avis Keen (4th year)
Physical Education: **Kat Vogler** (3rd year)
Pre-K, Music: **Liz Ward** (2nd year)
6th grade LA, Reading & MS PE: **Becca Flohre** (2nd year)
Jr. Pre-K: **Stephanie Leno** (2nd year)
4th grade TA: **Amanda Greggs** (2nd year)
6th grade Science: **Alice Allen** (2nd year)
MS Substitute: **Marsha Southall** (2nd year)
Teaching Assistant: **Casey Cole** (2nd year)
Kindergarten: **Lindsay Mitchell** (2nd year)
Music Teacher: **Leigh Gladden** (1st year)
BASE: **Stacy Shramek** (1st year)
3K Intern: **Savanna McElheney** (1st year)



HNES Awarded “Ambassadors Apple of our Eye” by Bay County Chamber of Commerce

On January 10, 2020, at the Holley Center, FSU-PC, Holy Nativity Episcopal School and Target Builders were proud to receive the Bay County Chamber of Commerce's *Apple of our Eye* Award for the re-construction of our historical schoolhouse due to Hurricane Michael. Target Builders announced they were “honored to be a part of this exciting recovery project.”



Terry Bush (Ambassador-Bay County Chamber), Cynthia Fuller (HNES Dean of Students), Judy Hughes (HNES Head of School), Lauren Presser (HNES Marketing Director & Leadership Bay Steering Committee member), and our friends from Target Builders: Felix Malespin, Mr. Danilo Malespin, Danny Malespin

HNES Grandmother Shared “What Holy Nativity Means to Me”

I recall some 16 or 17 years ago, being so nervous about where my Precious First Born Grandson would attend school. Yes, it had come that time! So Soon, So Quick, How oh how? It was terrible! :) As I walked with my Daughter—the Mother of this precious child, who also had been a teacher for a number of years—our precious child was in tow. We found ourselves in the most magical place on earth. It took my breath away! I remember it so vividly to this day! Beverly McDaniel, Head of School had agreed to meet with us for a little stolen time to just visit with us. We were immediately captivated by her (as we still are today). The world had suddenly changed and we were in a safe, loved environment. She sat in the window sill of an opened window, her beautiful hair was pulled back by a large colorful bow as she was watching the children on the field play soccer. We felt the peace, the love, the safety, that we knew we had to have for Bodie! We knew we had found a home.

Indeed a church home, a school home, and most importantly, a foundation for his life.. It was a place he could flourish and grow into the young man he has now become.

Of course, his little sister, Sidda soon followed and began 3-K there! And the Legacy continued...

All you have to do is walk the hallway of HNES at Christmas time, when the hallways are dimly lit with Christmas lights, and then tell me you don't feel loved - or believe in Santa Claus!

As much as we regretted it, Bodie and Sidda grew up and moved onto High School. But, the magic did not end. We are so grateful and honored to have had Holy Nativity build the foundation for these children.

We are so blessed to still

be able to walk the Halls and see the same loving faces full of the same love! We still today feel honored and blessed by our Holy Nativity experience. May God continue to Bless Our beloved Holy Nativity Episcopal School. Love, “Bodie and Sidda's GG”

Written by Gail Lindsey (Bodie & Sidda's GG) on September 7, 2019.

We lost Gail on November 8, 2019



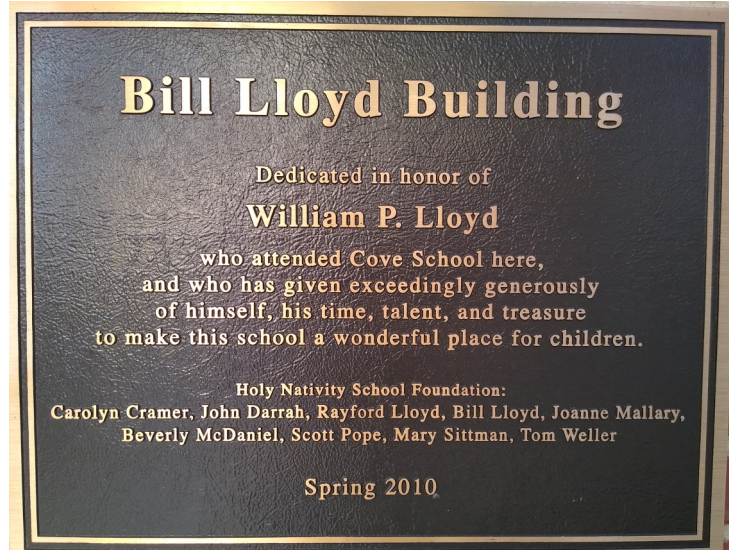
Photo 2019: Durray Lachina, Gail Lindsey (1955-2019), Bodie Lachina (HNES c/o 2016), & Wayne Lindsey

It's the Tenth Anniversary of the Naming of the Bill Lloyd Building

By Tom Weller

On April 17, 2010, at the HNES 50th anniversary celebration, the Holy Nativity School Foundation proudly proclaimed the dedication and naming of the Bill Lloyd Building - henceforth and forevermore. "In 1998, Holy Nativity acquired the Cove Schoolhouse from Bay District Schools. The school was a dreadful mess and headed for demolition. Members of the Foundation committed to recover the building, restore the quaint schoolhouse look and feel, refurbish it for use as Holy Nativity School, appoint it with

modern equipment, furniture, and furnishings throughout, and hand it over "turn-key" for the school's use. The renovation was a long, hard, expensive undertaking. ONE PERSON - ONE person gave of self - - time, talent, treasure, ability, determination, commitment, drive, skill - - gave so exceedingly abundantly and generously - - above and beyond any conceivable "call of duty" - - Bill Lloyd gave the time of his life, personally, full time, to the restoration project for the main building, and to the renovation of the two 1950s-era buildings for kindergarten classrooms and the



creation of the playground on the north end of William's field. Bill Lloyd, Bill Lloyd - Bill Lloyd— has poured heart and soul into our Cove School property, that you might even say this is the "Bill Lloyd Building." And on April 17, 2010, we the Board of Directors of the Holy Nativity School Foundation said exactly that." (Mr. Lloyd died on July 12, 2012 of glioblastoma.)

What Makes America Great

By John McLoughlin—7th grade

America is a very unique country for very unique and special reasons. As Americans, we believe in the values of liberty, justice, and loyalty. Harry S. Truman once said, "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." This quote encapsulates the essence of America and what it means to be an American.

Americans believe in the military to defend our country and to defend the American ideologies that formed our nation. The armed forces play a big role in keeping the country and its prosperity thriving. The valor of the heroes who made unimaginable sacrifices for America is hardly comprehensible. Generals such as George Patton and Theodore Roosevelt Jr. displayed such acts as

leading our country to victory in times of war. Issues such as government officials not adhering to the general concerns of the public due to unjust or unusable voting systems don't occur in America. The privilege of being able to vote is part of what makes America stable. It allows for the government to be run while also giving citizens their freedoms, rights, and responsibilities. It gives the chance to all Americans to learn about the government and how it works, which generates future leaders. Many freedoms and rights Americans have, such as freedom of religion, speech, the press, and the right to an education only help a country grow and succeed. The American dream is to have a job and support a family without living in fear of a dictator or unjust government. By living in America, many people are able to fulfill that dream.

Being a citizen of America means you help the country grow and have a sense of loyalty and pride in

America and the American Flag. Patriotism is the love of your country; a feeling every genuine American citizen feels every day. The Star-Spangled Banner states that America is "The Land of the Free, and the Home of the Brave." This line, written by Francis Scott Key, describes the United States of America very well and shows every aspect of the American values, from belief in the United States military to the trust and faith we have in God. God has blessed every American with the gift of living in this country. That is what makes America great.



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2019 Carnival t-shirt includes a photo of "Big Frank" and 1st grader Laney Lee



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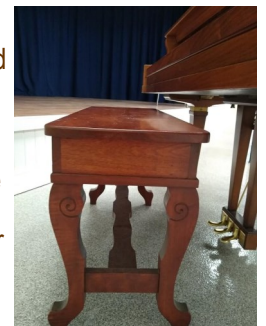
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Heirloom Piano Bench Gifted to Holy Nativity

After Hurricane Michael, the piano bench in McDaniel Hall could not be located. The bench had sat with the Middleton piano (gift from 2017). A request was put out on Facebook - "Did anyone have an extra unneeded bench?" Within two hours, Cove School alumnus Robert Padgett had located and purchased the perfect bench and delivered it to the school! The bench now includes a plaque recognizing Mr. Padgett's gift "in honor of the Cove School class of 1949." Thank you, Mr. Padgett!

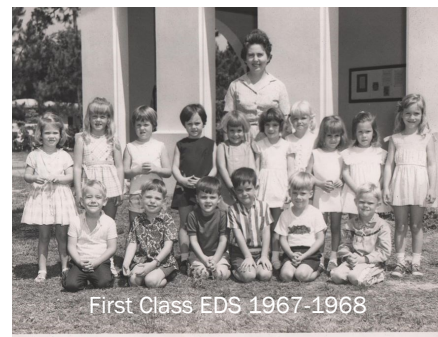


Three Generations Mourn the Loss of Longtime Preschool Teacher Mrs. Sarah Austin

HNES 1997-98



Mrs. Austin was born on March 17, 1930 in Greenwood, MS. She graduated with honors from Murphy High School in Mobile, AL. During her senior year in high school, she fell in love with a young officer by the name of George Austin, who had just returned from the war. After graduation, Sarah attended Mississippi State College for Women. In 1949 she married George, and they lived in College Station, TX while he completed his MS at Texas A&M. In 1955 Sarah and George made their lifetime home in Panama City, FL where they raised their four children. The Austins accepted an invitation to join several other families in starting an Episcopal mission church, Holy Nativity. Mrs. Austin was devoted to her church, where she was a faithful member for 64 years, serving in many capacities. She especially loved singing in the choir and working with children so it was only natural that she would become a teacher at the school! Mrs. Austin taught preschool at "Episcopal Day School" later known as Holy Nativity Episcopal School from 1967-1977, 1990-2011. She was beloved by students who grew up and sent their own children to be taught by Mrs. Austin! At HNES, she wrote curriculum, developed discipline and school safety plans, mentored teachers of all ages and all grade levels, and volunteered with the Parent Teacher Association. Mrs. Austin was preceded in death by her beloved husband, George Belden Austin Jr., an infant son, George Belden Austin III, a daughter, Patricia Austin Peacock and a daughter-in-law, Judith Kreiser Austin. Mrs. Austin is survived by a daughter, Stephanie A. Humphreys and husband, Steve, a son, Peter W. Austin, a son, Michael W. Austin and son-in-law, David Peacock. She is also survived by eight grandchildren; Ross Humphreys (Carley), Sarah Allison Humphreys Haligas (Darren), Tiffany Peacock Burnside (Aaron), Jacob Peacock, Jonathan Peacock (Robyne), Matthew, Lindsay, and Joshua Austin. And ten great grandchildren; Cheney, Sarah Catherine, & Thomas Humphreys, Austin, Graham, & Owen Haligas, Brianna Burdess, Charlotte, Elizabeth, & Sarah Jean Peacock. A memorial service was held at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church on January 25, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. The Reverend Steve Bates officiated and The Reverend Tom Weller assisted. Father Steve spoke on "All I Ever Need to Know I Learned in Preschool." A beautiful reception was held immediately following the service in Battin Hall at the church.



School Traditions Celebrated: September - Grandfriends' Day, October - Blessing of the Pets, & January - Campout



HNES Board of Trustees Leads School During Most Difficult Era



Pictured left: Front: Brent Faison (Board Vice President), Misty Ward, Dr. Maggie Shuler (Board President), Carolyn Cramer (HN Foundation Rep.), Judy Hughes (Head of School), Capt. Jack Ringelberg. Middle: Drew Jernigan, Dick Hebert (HNEC Vestry Rep.), Mary Kathryn San Juan (Board Treasurer), Jason Smith, John Moore, Ben Lee, Jennifer Burg, Will Cramer (Board Secretary), Chris Stamps (HNEC Vestry Rep.) Not pictured: Clayton Syfrett (Past President), Father Steve Bates (Chaplain/HNEC Rector), Amy Moody (Dir. Of Dev.), Doug Smith (Board Chancellor), Terry Duke (Board Clerk).

Pictured right, Terry Duke shared a photo of her computer screen from the Board's first "ZOOM virtual meeting" in March of 2020. Following the CDC's suggested practice of "social distancing" in the era of COVID-19, our Board met regularly online to make decisions for the future of the school. Top: Will Cramer, Terry Duke, Dr. Maggie Shuler, Chris Stamps, Next row: John Moore, Mary Kathryn San Juan, Misty Ward, Brent Faison, Next row: Drew Jernigan, Judy Hughes, Cynthia Fuller, Jennifer Burg, Bottom row: Jason Smith, Daniel Melzer.



Parent Hero Spotlight - Tim Adamcryk

Following Hurricane Michael, we had many parents who showed up to help during our school's many times of need. One of those parents was Dr. Tim Adamcryk. Tim, whose son Landyn is a current 7th grader, offered to build steps to the new 15 portable classrooms on the church campus. His personal medical business had been delayed re-opening following damage caused by the storm, so he dusted off his carpentry skills and went to work! Days, nights, and weekends! When the school was able to move back in to the main campus, Tim and son Landyn were there to not only unpack the storage pods, but to volunteer to assemble IKEA purchases as well. Tim said, "I may not always be able to be active in Landyn's education but I try where I can. I try to show him that generosity and selflessness is a virtue. It was our pleasure to help." Thank you, Dr. Adamcryk!



HNES Families - led by our own Johnny Vallas - Visit Greece in June 2019



Letter of encouragement from HNES Parent Catina Hill:

"From October 2018 to March 26, 2020. Our school has been brilliant, resilient, comforting, extraordinary, family, rolling with the punches, a safe heaven, normalcy when their wasn't any, home when there wasn't one, the backbone of our children, the one place they could look forward to.

To say I'm one proud parent of HNES kids, would be an understatement. When schools are having to cancel the rest of their year, when academics have taken the back seat to a global pandemic (which is understandable), when the going gets tough, the tough are #HNESstrong. These kids have been through more in their short lives than most adults endure in a lifetime. They continue to come out strong. Thank you to HNES, our wonderful head of school, our board, and the fantastic teachers and faculty. Without you all, our kiddos would not be in such a good place with all that they have endured these last two years. We can't thank you enough! ❤️🙏 Thank you ❤️🙏 When Holy Nativity Episcopal Church so graciously opened their doors to let our children have some normalcy after the worst storm of their lives in 2018, students sat on the floor, they grouped together on dog beds, and they loved it! Now our kids get to school from their own rooms. We've got this."

(Pictured the Hill Three: Avery 3rd grade, Harrison 5th grade, Ayla 2nd grade)



5th grade teachers Audra Resler & Natalie Godwin have set a record as longest-running FCIS Accreditation Chairs at HNES. FCIS is now tentatively planning our accreditation visit for September 2020 due to delays following Hurricane Michael in 2018 and COVID-19 in 2020. Thank you to these two for their patient service to our school!





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3rd grader Named to America's Top 100 Scores List

Hannah Kline representing Edgewater Gymnastics Academy is one of eight local gymnasts who made the 2020 list of America's Top 100 Gymnastics Scores! We are so proud of Hannah!



6th grader Becomes US Citizen

Sachin Desilva was so excited to receive his United States Citizenship on November 14, 2019. He shared his enthusiasm with his classmates when he returned from the Citizenship Services Office in Montgomery, Alabama. What a wonderful new American!

Music Teacher Welcomes Beautiful Baby Girl

Mrs. Leigh Gladden and husband Greg welcomed baby girl Presley Marie on November 25, 2019. Mrs. Gladden, in her first year at Holy Nativity, was due to deliver in



December but received her perfect miracle a little early. Students were thrilled when Presley became a daily part of their music classes!

Eighteenth Annual Holy Nativity 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run ~ in memory of Richard Youd



The 18th Annual Holy Nativity 5K Run and 1-mile Fun Run was held in memory of alumnus Richard Youd (HNES c/o 2007) on March 7, 2020. Richard was tragically killed in a car accident on September 10, 2019. The Youd Family has sent two generations to HNES and is beloved for the impact each member left - in kindness, intelligence, and service to others. The loss of Richard is painful beyond

words to us at his alma mater who will not forget what a good student and a good friend he was to all. When we had the opportunity to celebrate this year's school fun run in his memory, it just made perfect sense. Richard loved kids and loved showing good sportsmanship in all his endeavors. Our 2020 race shirt displays the same photo (taken by Jennifer Lloyd) used on the 2006 race shirt of a young Richard "leprechaun" asleep under a tree on our beautiful Holy Nativity front lawn. The funds we raised this year will go to improvements on our playground - a place where Richard spent many happy hours.

Thank you to the numerous volunteers who got up early to make the day a success!

Our 2020 race was timed by *International Running Company* of Destin. Their professionalism at registration, pick up, timing, and results made for an unforgettably easy event!

Thank you Zane Holscher and the IRC team!

From Amy Moody, Race Director

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Mrs. Timmerman's class pet is "Jellybean" the rabbit, seen with Audrey Brannon & Victoria Muniz, Mrs. Ward's class pets are guinea pigs: "Tiger" and "Popcorn," Mrs. Himes's class pet s are several fish in her class tank, Mrs. Baker's class pet is "Toothless" the bearded dragon, held by Jackson Ward, & Mrs. Morgan's class pet is "Hamilton" originally thought to be male until she gave birth to three babies: "Benjamin Franklin Shuler," "Billy Graham Czubaj," & "Jackie-O Kennedy Morgan."



4th Annual Weller Scholar Award recipient is Class of 2019 honoree Hunter Dye

Have you ever heard the expression, "It's what is on the inside that counts"? On the outside, Holy Nativity Episcopal School is just a beautiful building, but the people inside it make it so much more. Looks may be deceiving, but the inside, which is unseen, can be the best part. The best part of Holy Nativity is the people on the inside that make your experiences so much more delightful and make it memorable for the rest of your life. On October 10, 2018, we all experienced Hurricane Michael to some extent. It was a devastating day for our community. Holy Nativity Episcopal School was terribly damaged from the storm. My first thought

was, "Where will we go to school?" Thankfully, Holy Nativity Episcopal Church welcomed us on to their campus and we are forever grateful. Although we are not physically in our school, we are all together. The building is not what makes Holy Nativity Episcopal School what it is. HNES is a feeling of home, comfort, encouragement, and friendship. Not to mention, it is a place where you worship God. I have always been taught that what is most important is seeing and experiencing kindness from a person and then returning that same kind of kindness to the next person who may need it when we may or may not even know it. Your friends, faculty, and staff at this great school will help you through any tough time that you may come across, you just have to open your hearts to them. To sum up my thoughts, HNES is not a place but a family whom I will terribly miss

when I leave for high school. Living through the tragedy of the hurricane and having to move from our beloved schoolhouse to the church campus brought a big change, but it will always be the feeling of love and comfort of the people that fills my HNES memories.

The Weller Scholar is an honor awarded by the Board of Trustees of Holy Nativity Episcopal School to recognize a graduating 8th grade student who has demonstrated outstanding character, high academic progress, and a strong devotion to the mission of our school. Named for Father Tom Weller and his wife Linda Peters Weller, this award is presented annually to celebrate the lifetime contributions of the Wellers to our school and our community. The Weller Scholar will be announced at 8th grade graduation, will receive \$100, and will have his or her name inscribed on a plaque that will be permanently displayed in the Bill Lloyd Building.



What makes HNES Summer Camp So Special? By BASE Director Darcey Sinicrope



Summer Day Camp at Holy Nativity is such a wonderful addition to our beautiful school. When I first started working for HNES in 2006, I started during the summer, so SDC will always have a special place in my heart. At that point, I was hired to play with the kids and lead them in enrichment at the lower campus. The total number of children was more modest than what we see today, so it was a perfect introduction to Holy Nativity as an adult rather than a student (I attended Holy Nativity preschool and elementary school from 1992-1999). Since then the

position of Camp Director has passed through the hands of some of my favorite people and has now landed in mine. + I have watched SDC evolve with our school into the creative, nurturing, and enriching program we have today. When HNES transitioned from two campuses to one large location, SDC saw its biggest changes. I now know more about all the intricacies and thoughts that are put into every aspect of Holy Nativity. We have a duty to our students and their families to provide our kids with a safe place to learn and play while school is out of session. + It is an absolute delight to see the children that I know throughout the school year in a more casual and creative environment. They get to interact with a different social circle, make lasting friendships, and learn about their creativity in a hands-on manner that they may not have experienced before. They learn new skills, hone old ones, and wear flip flops doing it! SDC stays flexible in consideration of

modern lifestyles. Our kids get to come to see us in between sports camps, sailing, VBS, swimming lessons, or whatever else they choose to do, and we will always be here, ready for them. In addition to my coworkers and my own daughter, I look forward to Summer Camp all year. I always say that Holy Nativity is proof of God's love on earth, and our Summer Day Camp is a great example.



The Octobotics - Holy Nativity's Robotics Team - Has an Unforgettable Inaugural Year

We love the way our alumni support our school and are always on the lookout for programs and projects that might benefit Holy Nativity! This was certainly the case when HNES graduate **Carson Kelly** and his father **Adam Kelly** sent information to the school about a DOD grant that could be used to launch a First Lego League (FLL) robotics program. Carson has been involved with FLL for many years, and he was eager to have other Holy Nativity students be a part of this remarkable program.

This was the beginning of The Octobotics, Holy Nativity's first robotics team. Coached by **Jan Dykes** and **Lyn Morris**, eighth grade team members include **Arianna Czubaj**, **Lacie Fiser**, **Sam Fitzsimons**, **Daniel Himes**, **Mario San Juan**, **Carmen Shuler**, **Cuyler Spence**, and **Tyler Yanchis**. To prepare for the season, the team had to construct a robotics challenge course and program a robot to complete different missions related to this year's theme: City Shapers. Additionally, the team had to originate an innovation project that would help to solve a problem in the community. The Octobotics decided to tackle the problem of street sign destruction by Hurricane Michael. They devised two different designs for street signs that could be lowered out of the wind path and then put back in place following a storm. During competitions, the team would also be evaluated for how well they worked together and demonstrated the core values of FLL:



Left to right: Sam FitzSimons, Adam Kelly, Mario San Juan, Lyn Morris, Lacie Fiser, Cuyler Spence, Tyler Yanchis, Jan Dykes, Daniel Himes, Carson Kelly (back), Carmen Shuler, Arianna Czubaj.

discovery, innovation, impact, inclusion, teamwork, and fun.

The season was a great success for The Octobotics. At the initial qualifier tournament, the team won first place for their innovation project and secured a bid to go on to the regional competition in Tallahassee. This was an amazing feat for this rookie team and their rookie coaches! At the regional competition, The Octobotics were recognized with an award for teamwork. The Teamwork award is a prestigious award and a very big deal for a rookie team!

We are so appreciative of all of the people who helped with our new robotics program. Adam and Carson Kelly continued to mentor the team throughout the season. Holy Nativity alumna, **Sunny Barton**, acted as our Navy Lab mentor. Local engineering firm, **Mott McDonald**,

and HNES parent **Michael Fuller**, met with the team and provided feedback on the sign designs. The **Spence family** gifted the team with additional robotics kits, allowing all members of the team to have more programming time. And ALL of the parents were so supportive as they transported students to practice sessions and competitions and cheered on The Octobotics tirelessly. As these eighth graders move on to high school, perhaps some will continue to take part in robotics. Whether they do or not, it is certain that they will take the lessons they have learned in teamwork, gracious professionalism, and creativity into all of their future endeavors.

Soon it will be time to start forming next year's team. It was an amazing inaugural season, and we're looking forward to more great things in the future.
- Jan Dykes



HNES Class of 2019 Presents Class Gift

It seemed only appropriate that following Hurricane Michael's destruction to the canopy of Bay County, that the Holy Nativity Eighth Grade Class of 2019 would gift the school with a tree. The oak tree was purchased and planted in April of 2019 by Cove School alumnus and *Lawnscapes* owner, Joe Michael Littleton. The tree stands in front of the main entrance to the school on Hamilton Avenue. Special thanks to donors: **Liz Blankenship**, **Charlie Hundley**, **Carson Kelly**, **Jon Lloyd**, **Lauren Moody**, **Grady Oakes**, **Bradley Pennington**, & **Lynn Ferren**. On the last day of school (held in portables on the HNEC campus), some of the 8th grade students posed with their tree during the annual middle school tradition of the "downtown scavenger hunt." (A second tree of the same size was planted in September at the southern end of the school on Hamilton Avenue with monies from the estate of Lynda K. Scheer.)

Invention Convention, History Fair, Essay Contests, & MathCounts



2020 Invention Convention Winners: Thank you to Mrs. Dykes, Science Teacher!
Special Award for Excellence - Scarlett Ward-Pretty & Petite, Special Awards for STEM-Charlotte Rohan, Lacy Miller, and KK Harrison-Popsicle Pals, Cody Hill-Trip Me Not, Consumer Goods and Fashion - 2nd place-Ryleigh Torres-Sight Sak, 3rd

Place-Scarlett Ward, Household Tools - Honorable Mention-Jordan Tackett, Maggie Smith, and Margot Provencher-Brite Lunch, Sports, Games, Entertainment & Toys - 2nd place Sullivan Thomas-Aqua Shredder, Honorable Mention-John McLoughlin and Landyn Adamcryn-AquaVision; Health and Medical Technology-2nd place Brody Fuller-Disaster Distraction Kit. Sullivan Thomas, Ryleigh Torres,& Brody Fuller, advanced from the District competition and were invited to: the *Innovate World: Ready, Set, Innovate* Online Competition. Additionally, the three were invited to display their projects at *Wonder Works*, PCB.



Success for our Middle School Students



7th grade Team: Mason, Victoria, Marina, Scarlett

Bay District Superintendent Bill Husfelt, 6th grade Team: Treysen, Aiden, Kyle, Alexander, Math Coach Mrs. Moody



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Bay District Schools MathCounts Winners:
 7th grade 7th place – **John McLoughlin**
 7th grade 8th place – **Mason Reed**
 7th grade Team – 3rd place overall **Marina Hoyt, Scarlett Ward, Mason Reed, & Victoria Lithway**
 6th grade 2nd place – **Alexander Stewart**
 6th grade 3rd place - **Kyle Carrier**
 6th grade 5th place - **Sachin DeSilva**
 6th grade 8th place - **Aiden Nowak**
 6th grade 9th place - **Treysen Villegas**
 6th grade Team – 2nd place overall **Alexander Stewart, Kyle Carrier, Aiden Nowak, & Treysen Villegas**

Florida Engineering Society Regional
 12th place overall – **Carmen Shuler**



HISTORY * FAIR

History Fair Winners announced in Feb. with Media Specialist Ms. Presser: Juliana Barragan 3rd place -"The Clinton 12", Paizly Torres 2nd place - "Carrie Chapman Carr", Sachin DeSilva 2nd place - "The Boeing Company", Jonathan Gaither 1st place - "Bruce Lee"

VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest winners: Reagan Miller 1st place at the District & was invited to the State competition! John McLoughlin 1st place at the Post. Thank you Mrs. Bleich, Language Arts teacher for supporting these writers. And thank you to VFW Post #10555. Photo Mrs. Waringa, John, Mary Lemberg, Reagan, Ken Waringa



Middle School Students Shine in 2019 Shrek, Jr. @ The Gretchen Nelson Scott Center



Thank you, Director - Ms. Hope Simmons & Assistant Director - Ms. Darcey Sinicrope,

HNES Class of 2016 Reunion POSTPONED in 2020



The Annual Senior Recognition Day at HNES was scheduled for Sunday, May 3rd on the school grounds. Students who attended Holy Nativity Episcopal School *at any time*, and are current high school seniors, were invited back for a special reunion. **WE ARE SO SORRY FOR HOW THIS YEAR HAS TURNED OUT FOR THIS CLASS.** If you are a part of this “2016 Class,” please listen for a new date for our annual reunion so that post-COVID-19, when life returns to normal, you can catch up with old friends and former teachers at Holy Nativity before the next chapter of your life begins. Any questions may be directed to Amy Moody amood@hnes.us or call (850)747-0060 See you soon.

HNES 8th Grade Class of 2020 Looking Forward to High School - After an Unforgettable Year

What a year for the class of 2020! These students are planning to attend the following high schools this fall: Arnold, Bay, Mosley, or Rutherford High Schools for the next step in their educational careers. This year’s class includes a few “lifers” (students who have only attended HNES for school) : **Carmen Shuler, Isaac Grabner, Mario San Juan, Sam FitzSimons, & Zamiyah Hill.**

Filling out the class is: **Allie Wibberley, Arianna Czubaj, Brandyn Miller, Channing Abernathy, Cuyler Spence, Daniel Himes, Flint Haligas, Kate Smith, Kaya Sunseri, Lacie Fiser, Lauren McAllister, LilyBelle Dalton, Olivia Hammack, Kirstin Arnold, Quin Hoyt, Reagan Miller, Reece Casady, Slade Flint, Tripp Syfrett, Tyler Yanchis**

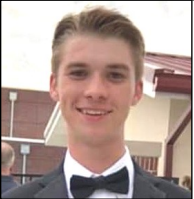
The annual graduation ceremony is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 22nd at Holy Nativity Episcopal Church at 5:30 p.m. unless COVID-19 postpones that ceremony. All friends are welcome to attend!
(Photo by Lynn Ferren)





Alumni News

Below: Alumni **Jackson Morris** (c/o 2016) and **Danielle Bansagi** (c/o 2016) represent two of only five total National Merit Finalists in Bay County for the class of 2020. "National Merit Finalists represent the top 1% of PSAT Test takers in the United States. In addition, NMF are recommended by school administration and must also submit an application that includes high school courses & grades, extracurricular and volunteer activities, and a self-descriptive essay."



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FINALISTS



Alumna Lily Bradford (c/o 2017) is shown celebrating her 3rd place finish in the Girls' 100 Yard Backstroke in the 3A State Swimming & Diving Championships in Stuart, FL in November. Lily won with a time of 57.13 seconds. Earlier in the 2019 season, Lily set the Mosley High School record in the 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 56.44!

Alumnus Mack Keltner (c/o 2017) was selected as a US Presidential Scholar - "a recognition limited annually to up to 161 US students as one of the nation's highest honors." Mack has so excelled in his academic career that he is opting to graduate a year early to start his biggest dreams at the University of Florida.

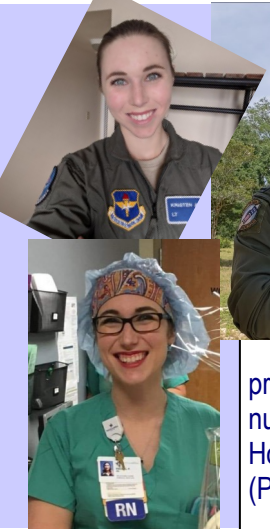


Below: We have new Legacies starting their Holy Nativity Careers this Fall ~ Welcome to Jr. Pre-K - Class of 2031! Baylee Stopka (daughter of Stevie & **Corey Stopka** - HNES c/o 2005) James Windham (son of Rebecca & **Will Windham** - HNES c/o 2003) Merritt Trumbull (daughter of Jay & **Brittany Fishel Trumbull** - HNES c/o 2003 and granddaughter of HNES alumni **John Fishel & Elyse Howell Fishel**)

Alumni brothers Wesley Stone (c/o 2011) and Thomas Stone (c/o 2014) were awarded Keys to the City of Lynn Haven in October. Following Hurricane Michael, the brothers used heavy equipment to clear roads and clear neighborhoods in Lynn Haven for two days without sleep. (Photo & text by Jennifer Watson. Thank you!)



(Clockwise the Allen Three:) **Kristen Allen**, 2nd Lieutenant, US Air Force is currently at Shepherd Air Force Base attending the Undergraduate Pilot Training Program. **Scott Allen**, Captain, US Air Force, is married to Katelyn and is currently in North Carolina serving as a Weapons Systems Officer in the F-15 Strike Eagle program. **Rachel Allen Paterson**, in Waco, Texas is a nurse supervisor in the Operating Room at Hill Crest Hospital and has a ten year old son, Keegan. (Photos by Mom Deana Allen. Thank you!)



HISTORY WILL REMEMBER

History will remember
when the world stopped
And the flights stayed on the ground.
And the cars parked in the street.
And the trains didn't run.
History will remember
when the schools closed
And the children stayed indoors
And the medical staff
walked towards the fire
And they didn't run.
History will remember
when the people sang
On their balconies, in isolation
But so very much together
In courage and song.
History will remember
when the people fought
For their old and their weak
Protected the vulnerable
By doing nothing at all.
History will remember
when the virus left
And the houses opened
And the people came out
And hugged and kissed
And started again
Kinder than before.

Donna Ashworth 2020



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as their days increase.
Bless and guide them
wherever they may be
Strengthen them when they stand;
Comfort them when
discouraged or sorrowful;
And raise them up when they fall.
And in their heart,
May Thy peace,
Which passes understanding,
Abide all the days of their lives.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*



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to thee we sing.
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fellowship every day,
Within our nestled Cove,
our hearts we bring.
Holy Nativity, school of fraternity,
to thee we serve,
We love your oaks and palms,
your bricks and blessed psalms,
The shadows of the past,
our hopes preserved.
Holy Nativity, school of one God to me,
thy name we love.
We love the jets in flight,
flying in William's sight,
Protect us by your halls,
like that above.*

Amy Moody 2011